



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	122	Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers	8/6/2009
Subchapter:	8	Requirements For Centers Serving Sick Children	
Section	1	<b>Requirements for all centers serving sick children (N.J.A.C. 10:122-8.1)</b>	

### §10:122-8.1 Requirements for all centers serving sick children

(a) The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to any center that chooses to serve the following:

1. Only children who have illnesses, symptoms of illness or diseases, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122-7.1(c) and (d); or
2. Some children who have illnesses, symptoms of illness or diseases, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122-7.1(c) and (d), as part of a sick child care component of a center primarily serving well children.

(b) A center as set forth in (a) above shall also comply with all applicable provisions of this chapter.

(c) The center shall maintain on file written policies and procedures governing its operation, including:

1. Those categories of illness for which the center will provide care;
2. The ages of children who will be served;
3. The center's infection control procedures;
4. The center's admission criteria, which shall include provisions for conducting either:
  - i. A medical evaluation of arriving children by a New Jersey licensed physician; or
  - ii. A physical assessment, known as a triage, of arriving children by a registered nurse;

(1) The triage shall include, as appropriate to the demonstrated symptoms, an assessment of the child's temperature; pulse; respiration; skin; eyes; nose; throat; mouth; chest; abdomen; and/or extremities;

5. A provision encouraging the parents, before bringing the child to the center, to call the center each day to:

i. Describe the child's illnesses, symptoms of illness or diseases;  
and

ii. Determine if the center has an opening for the child;

6. For centers using a registered nurse as the admitting staff member, the physical assessment criteria that are used to determine:

i. Appropriateness of a child's attendance at the center on that day; or

ii. A child's need to be examined by a licensed physician, prior to